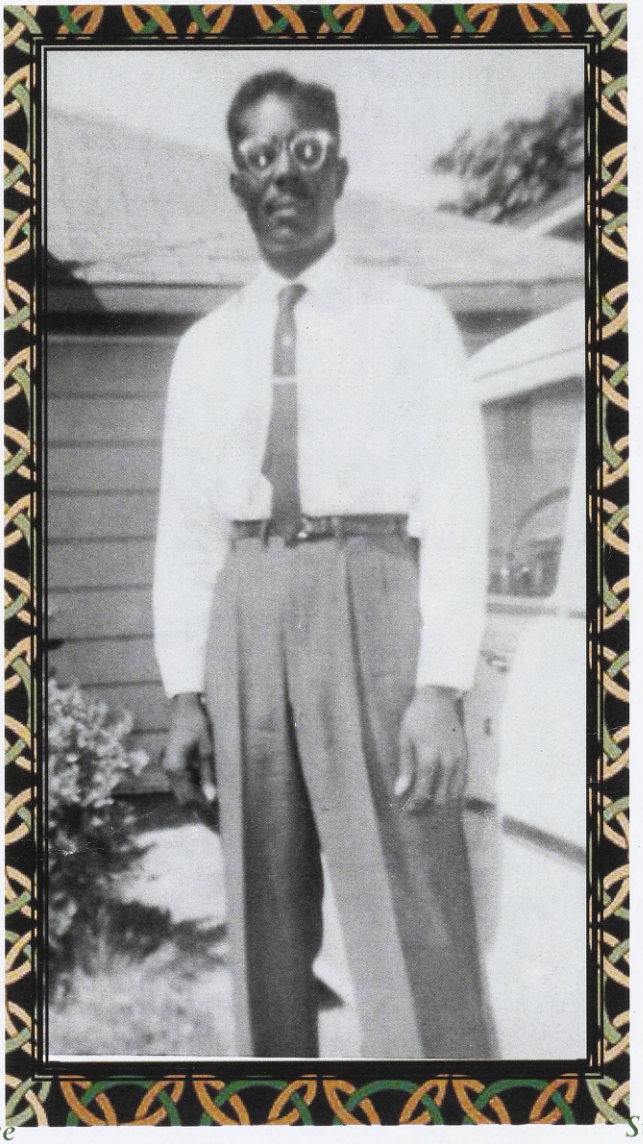
Homegoing Celebration For

Robert Lee McCrane



Sunrise — Sunset

August 1, 1922 — March 2, 2012

Services: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 ~ 11:00 A.M.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

662 South 52nd Street ~ Richmond, California

Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Officiating

Obituary

Robert Lee McCrane was born August 1, 1922 in Greenwood, Mississippi to Charles and Jennie McCrane.

Robert received his formal education through the Greenwood Mississippi public school system.

At an early age Brother Robert accepted Christ while attending St. James in Avalon, Mississippi. During Robert's teenage years he was the lead singer of the "Friendly Four", a Gospel quartet group, whose musical instruments were guitar, a washboard and "slapping on the thighs".

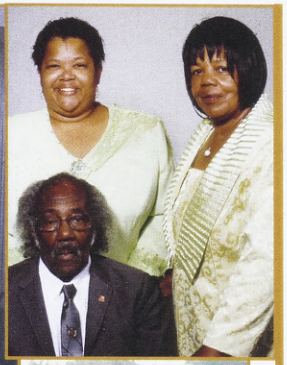
Robert served in the U. S. Army for 10 years. After being discharged from the Army, he was employed by Oakland Navy Supply Center, U.S. Mint in San Francisco and a Special Policeman in the Bay Area.

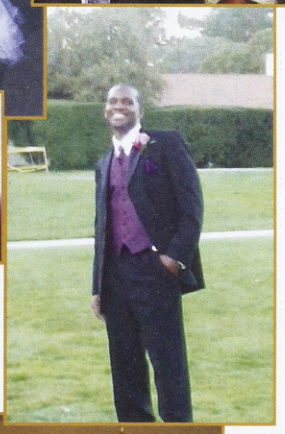
On September 26, 1943, Robert married the Love of His Life, Ms. Stella Mae Williams, whom he affectionately called "Doll". To this union three daughters were born. They were blessed with an admirable marriage that lasted 64 ½ years.

Brother McCrane united with St. John Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor R. L. Johnson. He served as President of the Male Chorus and the Brotherhood.

Preceding Brother Robert in death were his loving wife, Stella Mae; his parents; Brothers: Jimmie Lee Sims, George Sims, Eddie McCrane and Charlie McCrane.

He leaves to cherish his memories: three daughters; Alberta (Wayne) Brown; Carrie Wilson and Stella Louise McCrane. Grandchildren: Sonja Perkins Morris, Inez Killian (John), Wayne Jr. (Tammy) Brown, Leandra Wilson, Taji (Devynee) Brown, Jameelah Brown, William Brown and Emil Brown. Great Grandchildren: H. David Emerson Jr., Amora Brown, Alexis Hollin, Elizabeth Brown, Jamal Brown, Jada Brown, Journey Brown, Josiah Killian and Jameel Brown; Goddaugher: Juanita Waller. Cousins: Iris Smith, Mildred Conley and Albert Conley and an host of nieces, nephews and friends.





Thinking Of You

We thought of you with love today,
but that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
and days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we will never part.
God has you in His keeping,
we have you in our hearts.
A million times we've wanted you.
A million times we've cried.
If love could only have saved you,
you never would have died.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
But you didn't go alone.
For a part of us went with you....
the day God called you Home.

~ Author Unknown ~

Order of Service

Processional ..... *Clergy and Family*

"We Come This Far By Faith"

Scriptures:
Old Testament: *Minister Otis Harris*
New Testament: *Bishop Teman Bostic, Mt. Olive A.O.H., Menlo Park*

Prayer..... *Pastor R. L. McCray*
Tabernacle of David, Vallejo

Selection ..... *St. John Male Chorus*

Acknowledgements / Resolution..... *Sister Gail Garrett*

Expressions..... *(2 minutes please)*
Delores Hill, Willis Wade, Howard Davis, Pastor Nathaniel Carter, Jr.
Greater Faith M.B.C., Fresno

Solo..."He Knows Just How Much You Can Bear"...Sister Juanita Waller

Family Tribute: Sonya Morris, Granddaughter, Elder Taji Brown, Grandson

Obituary..... *Sister Emily Hunt*

Solo....."There's Not A Friend Like Jesus"....*Minister Cynthia Harris*

Words of Comfort..... *Pastor Kevin B. Hall*

Rev. 14:13

Parting View ..... *Wilson & Kratzer Staff*

~ Recessional ~

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When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things (1 Corinthians 13:11).

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Internment
ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL PARK
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, California

Repast
R.L. Johnson Fellowship Hall
662 S. 52nd Street
Richmond, California

Pallbearers

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
Men Usher

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother Wayne Brown Jr. — *Deacon Emil Brown*
Elder Taji Brown — *Brother Alex Hollin*
Brother William Brown — *Brother John Killian*
Brother H. David Emerson, Jr.

Acknowledgement

We would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness during our time of sympathy.
Your prayers, call, and visits will remain with us.
We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to heal for our loss.

The Family of Robert Lee McCrane

Arrangements Entrusted to
Wilson & Kratzer Mortuary ~ 455 24th Street
Richmond California 94804